IDPL from the Drugs Prices Equalisation Account.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Industrial licence to M/s. Garware Plastics and Polyester

1440. SHRI T. R. BALU:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Garware Plastics and Polyester Limited, Bombay has made an application for industrial licence which was rejected in the past;

(b) whether there is any attempt to revive this application; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) In August 1987, M/s. Garware Plastics and Polyester Ltd., Bombay had applied for substantial expansion of their capacity for manufacture of polyester film from 4516 TPA to 10016 TPA. They have been granted a letter of intent for an additional capacity of 5500 TPA for manufacture of Polyester film.

NPTC collaboration with foreign firms

1441. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC is insisting for joint undertaking from foreign collaborators of Indian public undertakings like BHEL for the power station equipment;

(b) whether it is a fact that this is being insisted in spite of the hefty collaboration fees and big royalty charges;

(c) whether Government will direct NTPC not to insist for such joint undertakings from the foreign collaborators; and

(d) if so, what is the policy of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (d) The NTPC are asking for joint undertaking for the guaranteed equipment performance from foreign collaborators of proven experience only in such cases where the experience of the Indian party is not adequate to meet the basic minimum requirements. This practice helps the NTPC to avoid the risk of sub-optimal equipment installation and also affords an opportunity to the Indian party for technological upgradation, thus enabling them to compete in global markets. However, when the level of experience of the Indian party attains the requisite standards, the necessity of collaborator's guarantee for equipment performance is dispensed with.

Import of equipments by NTPC

1442. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC has spent precious foreign exchange/World Bank aid on auxiliary equipments for the power stations by inviting global tenders;

(b) whether it is a fact that there smaller equipments were well within the capabilities of Indian manufacturers; and

(c) whether it is a fact that while inviting global tenders for these smaller equipments, several 500 MW TG sets were purchased by NTPC on single tender basis; if so, what are the details of the same and the foreign beneficiary party and value of such order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) Global tenders for the procurement of